

# Water Smart Checklist

☐ I have planted native and water efficient plants in my garden.

☐ My sprinkler is adjusted to avoid watering the street or the house.

☐ My lawn is aerated annually.

☐ My sprinkler system is equipped with a rain sensor or a timer to avoid over watering.

☐ My pond is shaded by plants to cool the water and reduce evaporation.

☐ My sprinkler runs only during cooler morning or evening hours when less is lost to evaporation.

☐ I group my plants according to their growing needs because I know they require different amounts of water.

☐ I use a watering can to water exactly how much I need, where I need it.

☐ My soil has been amended to improve its water holding capabilities.

☐ My trees, shrubs and planting beds are irrigated by drip systems or soaker hoses.

☐ I only use hoses kept in good repair, to avoid losing water through cracks and leaks.

☐ I use hardscapes — instead of grass — in my garden to create entertainment spaces.

☐ I remove weeds often to keep them from sucking up water meant for my plants.

☐ My vegetables are planted in a trench at a slight slope to maximize watering efficiency and to minimize weed growth.

## How Did You Score?

10 - 14 = Water Smart

5 - 9 = Water Wise

1 - 4 = Need More Water Smarts

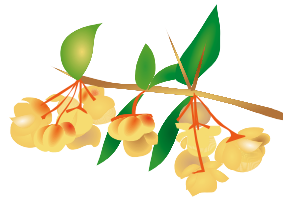


How many times have you seen someone hose off their driveway or sidewalk? Or a sprinkler that hits the pavement as often as it hits the lawn? Or someone wash their car with a hose that doesn't shut off?

Summer is peak water use time and these are all too common examples of water waste.

During the summer months, water use can double and even triple as we tend our lawns and gardens.

This brochure has ideas for simple changes in your landscape that can provide the biggest outdoor water savings.



As a water provider, we value the wise and efficient use of water – one of our most precious natural resources. We also value the way healthy landscapes add to the beauty and livability of our communities.

Garden centers, nurseries and landscape contractors may be able to help you find new ways to improve the health of your landscape and use less water.

For more ways to conserve water this summer visit [www.conserveh2o.org](http://www.conserveh2o.org).

For more information, please call the Hillsboro Water Department at (503) 615-6732.

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# Are you on the path to saving water?



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